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MINISTER OF EDUCATION David Eggen (second from left) shared a chuckle with SPERD Board trustee Lorne Young, teacher Debra Younghans and principal Rob MacDonald when he visited the Grade 6A class during Thursday's tour of Elk Point Elementary School.

Vicki Brooker photo

Minister of Education visits EPE

JANICE HUSER AND VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writers

Efforts being made in local schools to encourage healthy eating are being noticed at a provincial level, with Minister of Education David Eggen choosing to tour specific schools to see firsthand the programs that are taking place.

Eggen said he had heard about the positive things being done in the area's school nutrition programs, which brought him to touring St. Paul Elementary School, Glen Avon, and Elk Point Elementary on Thursday.

In 2016-17, the Government of Alberta piloted a school nutrition program, with 33 schools taking part in the pilot project. St. Paul Education Regional Division (SPERD) was part of the pilot, and used the funding to enhance what it had already been doing.

About 10 years ago, SPERD implemented breakfast programs in all of its schools, according to Superintendent Glen Brodziak, who was on hand during last week's school tours.

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Crown Prosecutor grilled at Rural Crime Watch AGM

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch members garnered a wealth of information from guest speaker, Crown Prosecutor Jordan Kerr, at Thursday's well-attended Annual General Meeting in St. Paul.

Kerr is one of six crown prosecutors in St. Paul, which is the Court of Queen's Bench for a large area of northeast Alberta, encompassing an area that includes Lac La Biche, Cold Lake, Lloydminster, Wainwright and all points in between, with many of those communities having a Provincial Court.

It's an area which he says is "by far the busiest in the province," with 13,145 criminal code charges in the past year, an average of 2,190 per crown prosecutor, compared to about 800 per prosecutor in Calgary and Edmonton. "It's a high case load."

Kerr outlined the steps undertaken

between the point a crime is reported to the RCMP or other police and the potential sentencing of the perpetrator, which could be months or even years later.

To start with, an investigation will be assessed to determine if there are reasonable grounds for conviction before a charge can be laid. His office is sent a package of information prior to a decision whether to grant bail or not, and if the person should be released for custody, except in the case of murder or another major crime.

That information also is reviewed before a court hearing to determine if there is a reasonable likelihood of prosecution if the police proceed with charges.

Once charges are laid, the accused must show up for the first court appearance, otherwise a warrant is issued for the person's arrest. At that court appearance, the crown prosecutor may elect to proceed on a summary conviction offence, going to the Provincial Court,

or if it is a more serious indictable offense, to either the Provincial Court or Court of Queen's Bench.

If the person pleads guilty at that first appearance, no witnesses are required to testify and the case proceeds to sentencing. If the person pleads not guilty, the case proceeds to trial. Witnesses are subpoenaed, and during the trial, the crown prosecutor asks them questions, the defense lawyer cross-examines and can also call in defense witnesses.

Kerr noted that most charges go to Provincial Court, but for more serious crimes, going to Queen's Bench, there is first a preliminary inquiry at which the crown prosecutor and the judge decide if there is enough evidence to go to trial.

Anyone with a motor vehicle license can be called for jury duty and must serve unless they can give a compelling reason for not serving or if the defense lawyer decides against them. The jury decides what evidence is admissible and can make suggestions on sentencing.

Sentencing is decided on the basis of seriousness of the crime and the decision can be complicated, Kerr said. "Precedent is always important and sometimes changes the length of a sentence."

The former Progressive Conservative government "tried to introduce a lot of minimum sentences that were found to be unconstitutional," he added, "but some of them are still in effect."

Kerr answered questions on what witnesses need to do before a trial.

"It depends what the charge is. For victims of property crime, the prosecution asks questions and how the defense lawyer questions the witnesses depends on the crime."

He advised them to take as detailed notes as possible right after the incident, as a trial might be delayed for some time, due to the case load.

He was also questioned on the number of judges available.

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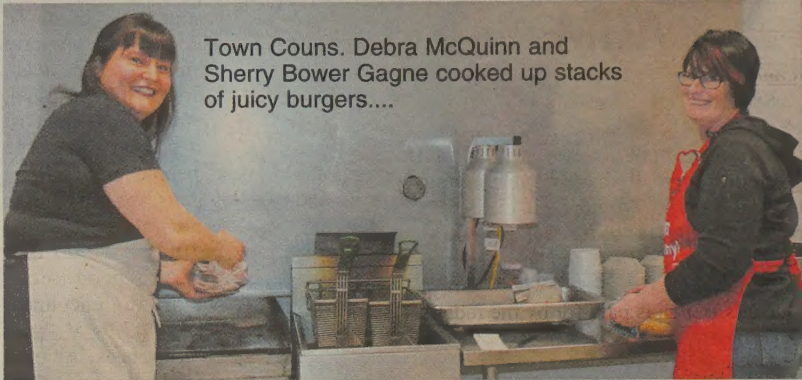
Family Day full of fun at A. G. Ross Arena



The Urquhart family took to the ice, along with dozens of other skaters who enjoyed the free Family Day activities....



Brooke Yaremchuk took some great family photos...



Town Couns. Debra McQuinn and Sherry Bower Gagne cooked up stacks of juicy burgers....

Intermunicipal Development Plans now underway

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The County of St. Paul No. 19, in partnership with the towns of St. Paul and Elk Point and the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay have engaged ISL Engineering and Land Services Ltd. (ISL) to prepare and update Intermunicipal Development Plans (IDP) between the County and each of the partnering municipalities. These plans are intended to address future growth and development-related matters of joint interest between the municipalities.

The Province of Alberta is implementing new changes to the Municipal Government Act, which now requires all municipalities that share a boundary with another municipality prepare a joint IDP by April 2020. IDPs are beneficial tools for neighbouring municipalities to provide guidance for future growth areas, development of policies that are mutually beneficial, facilitate joint economic development initiatives, and provide mechanisms for cooperation in delivering services. In addition to the IDPs, the Summer Village of Horseshoe Bay will also prepare a Municipal Development Plan and update their Land Use Bylaw.

Throughout the process of preparing the IDPs, Municipal Development Plan and Land Use Bylaw, landowners located within the plan areas, stakeholders and residents of the County, Elk Point, St. Paul and Horseshoe Bay will be provided with multiple opportunities to share their input on land use policies, land use concepts, and development regulations.

Stay tuned for more information about the first round of landowner and public engagement, anticipated to begin in April 2018. Visit <http://multi-urbanidps.ca/> to learn more about the project.



ECDC's Kali Cousins tried out the photo props....



And Rec Coordinator Jena Colbourne and her daughter served the coffee.

4-H Family Fun Fishing Day



SHAYLYN KLATT
Club Reporter

On Feb. 18, the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club members, family and friends had a Family Fun Fishing Day to celebrate the Free Family Day Fishing Weekend out at

Laurier Lake. Even with the cool winds, it didn't stop 38 people from having fun and making the best of the day! Fishing tents, vehicle windbreaks and a campfire were a big help for keeping warm! Club members also had a craft activity of making wooden fishing sticks to have for the event. A great time was had by all!

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SPERD looking at rebranding, communication

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

In a bid to improve communication with parents, St. Paul Education Regional Division board members are looking at options for rebranding the division, possibly with a new logo and updated website, along with an app that could keep parents in the loop about bus cancellations.

During the Feb. 14 monthly board meeting Trustee Rhonda Lafrance explained that when looking at options

to update the division's website, it was noted that the division's current logo was created so long ago that it isn't easy to digitally manipulate. The logo was developed in the 1990s.

The committee that is looking at the matter has sent out requests for some quotes. Secretary-Treasurer Jean Champagne pointed out that he felt the division had been pretty consistent with its branding and conservative in its spending over the years.

While Brodziak noted some people might question the costs that are attached

to rebranding, he affirmed that the division would be conscious about what is being spent.

Lafrance said she felt how schools across the division communicate with parents is "all over the board."

When it comes to communication, "we're behind the times," admitted Brodziak.

The discussion during the meeting even went as far as saying a name-change could be considered, since "St. Paul" doesn't represent the entire region.

"It's a large conversation," said Starosielski.

Brodziak said the division would have to consider the balance between costs and gains.

"Absolutely there could be a better name, but at what cost to the children in

the classroom?" he said.

Work to explore rebranding options and get a bus transportation app in operation will continue to move ahead.

Hats

Wearing a hat inside a school was once a rule enforced across the division, with the matter being downloaded to individual schools, years ago. During the Feb. 14 meeting, Brodziak spoke about a recent round discussion he had with school administrators on the topic of hat policies.

As it stands, each school decides on its own hat policy, and the rules vary across the division. Some schools allow hats, while others continue to have rules that require students to take off their headwear when indoors.

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AGM

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St. Paul has a resident judge, one of three in the area, with others coming from Edmonton when needed and "we don't typically have trouble getting to trial in the Provincial Courts, it's actually pretty good. It's not as good in the Court of Queen's Bench, we're setting trials for 2019 now." The Court of Queen's Bench is paid for by the federal government and "hasn't kept pace with appointing judges in accordance with populations. It's not just a St. Paul thing, it's all over the province."

Asked how GLRCW can help to get laws changed, Kerr suggested contacting the Member of Parliament is the first step to getting changes to the criminal code, adding that the province also has a big role in the process.

Defending property was a prime topic, and Kerr said defending your person or another person is allowed if the intruder has a weapon, and more force can be used if you are being attacked, "but you can't do it to defend your property, just yourself. It depends on the circumstances. You can tell them to leave, and use reasonable force. If they're not threatening you, call the police. If they're in your house, you can defend yourself."

RCMP Cst. N. Holgate, who also spoke at the meeting, commented that, "even if you can (defend your property), it's not a good idea, there's a likelihood of the person being armed, on drugs or of an irrational mindset. You and your family are not replaceable, and it could escalate an attack."

GLRCW past president Levina

Ewasiuk was "discouraged" by those comments and said she felt property crime "doesn't seem to matter much. We're victimized, first by the criminal, then by the legal system and by the cost to release recovered property from the compound. These people are high on drugs and carrying guns; we can call the police, but charges are unlikely."

Kerr emphasized that, "we do care about property crime. It's good to call the police, but we try to encourage people to be cautious. And we do convict people all across northeast Alberta. It doesn't seem like people get a lot of time for what they do, we've had files with vehicles rammed and people shot. I would rather not see you get shot; it's dangerous to confront them."

Cst. Holgate later gave a run-down on staff changes at the St. Paul Detachment, and indicated that the Elk Point Detachment has been approved for additional positions.

Fish and Wildlife officer Dwayne Fleming reported on the past hunting season, and added that pike have been spotted in places where they hadn't been for years, due to higher water levels.

GLRCW president Orest Sereda reported on the past year's activities and thanked the volunteers for their efforts, from working bingos to attending events.

Lyn Young conducted the election of officers, which saw Sereda, vice president Jonny Nielsen, secretary Delores Zacharuk and treasurer Anna Leskiw all returned to office for another year, while Myra Bochon, Les Nichols, and Levina Ewasiuk, volunteered to serve as directors.

GLRCW's next meeting will be held in Elk Point on April 19.

Eggen

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"I'm looking at school nutrition programs in all 61 school divisions, and this is one of the most successful, feeding hundreds of kids," Eggen said. "Everyone can have access if they need it." He noted that what SPERD has built is something that can be a model for the entire province, when it comes to school nutrition.

The Minister also feels the program "helps to build community. It's building partnerships with community groups, stores and charities. I can't see a downside."

Brodziak noted that he

was humbled that Eggen saw SPERD's efforts in such a positive light. He noted that SPERD sees value in making sure all of its students have something healthy to eat, whether it's after a long bus ride in the morning, or before they head home for the day.

Eggen noted one thing that initially impressed him about SPERD's approach to school nutrition was the number of schools and students being accommodated - hundreds of students are served healthy meals every day.

Making sure programs are available at each of its schools has always been

a priority, according to Brodziak. The programs are simply meant for all students.

When asked if teachers have noticed any changes in students since the breakfast programs have been implemented, Assistant Superintendent Patricia Gervais nods her head - yes.

Students' attention spans have improved, they can focus, and they are learning a lot about healthy eating, she says. Students go home excited and carry the information back to their parents, encouraging them to buy healthy items too.

The Minister agrees: "Everybody's learning."



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EDITORIAL

Students take kindness to

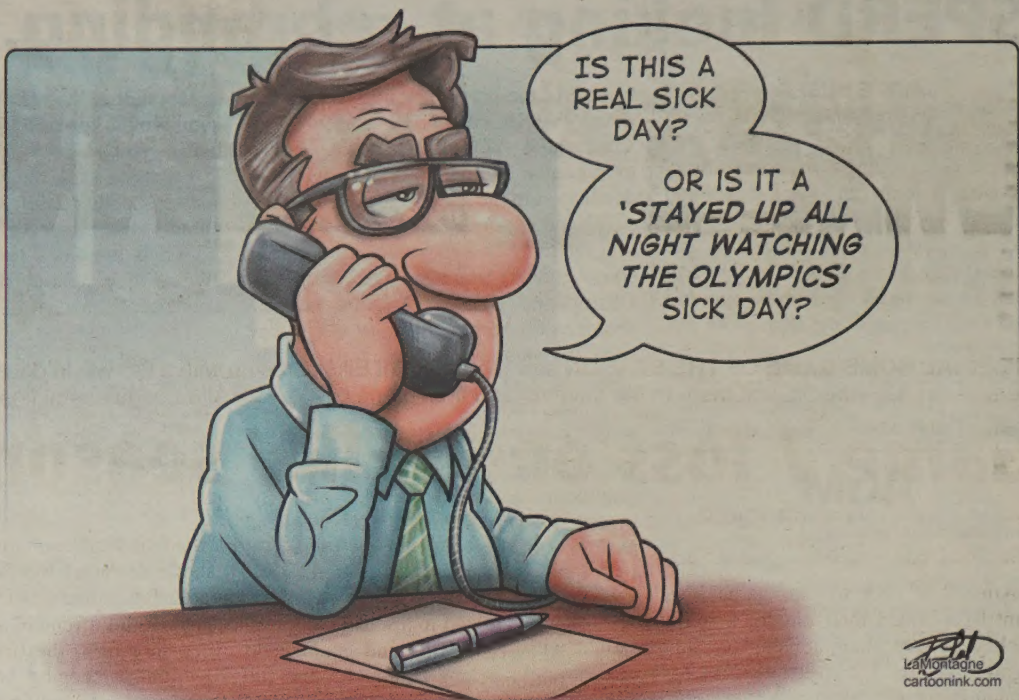
The eight small hearts shown below are just a small sample of the hundreds decking out a huge bulletin board at Elk Point Elementary School that states unequivocally, 'Kindness is the heartbeat of EPE'.

Rows of hearts, each printed and decorated by a student and expressing a way to be kind, show that there are as many ways to be kind to others as there are students in the school, just for a start.

What an awesome way to remind every last one of them, as well as teachers, support staff and visitors to the school, which last week included Minister of Education David Eggen, of the need to be kind to others, and to offer a wide range of suggestions for Random Acts of Kindness Week, which the school's former students are observing just across the street this week with different activities each day.

The Elementary students also spread the love in a different way last week, when their Winter Walk, postponed from Feb. 7 due to the extremely cold weather, took them to Heritage Lodge, Buckingham House, Fort George Manor and Parkview Extended Care with some belated Valentine wishes in hand for the seniors who are always delighted to have visitors. Now there's a massive act of multiple kindness!

Students of both schools will mark Pink Shirt Day tomorrow, and hope the entire community will join them to 'STAND TOGETHER' and invite everyone to **TURN ELK POINT PINK!**



WAY BACK WHEN...

Political ambitions, salary negotiations, presidents sought

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 27 IN...

1988

Elk Point area resident John Dahmer announced that he would be seeking the Progressive Conservative nomination for the federal electoral district of Beaver River. Rinks skipped by Jim Krauss of St. Paul, Don Anderson of Lindbergh and Steve Penz of Elk Point won the trophies at the Elk Point Mixed Bonspiel.

1993

The County of St. Paul school board voted unanimously to leave the North Central East Alberta School Authorities Association bargaining unit and invited the Glen Avon, St. Paul Regional and St. Paul 2228 boards to join them and make up their own bargaining unit for upcoming teachers' salary negotiations. Wes Meger of Grand Centre, Allan Berg and Steve Penz of Elk Point skipped the trophy winners at the Elk Point Mixed Bonspiel.

1998

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce was looking for members, first, before seeking a new president to replace Vicki Brooker, who had spent the maximum term in office. With the original Westmin challenge trophy filled to capacity in just eight years, Norcen Energy's Kevin Casper presented the Zone 7 seniors with a new trophy for their Alberta Senior Citizens' Sports and Recreation Association activities.

2003

The Chamber of Commerce Award of Excellence was presented to longtime businessman Doug McPherson, who chamber president Glenn Harms said "has plowed a lot of money into this town," while other awards at the annual meeting went to the

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Elk Point Oilmen's Association and the Canada Day pancake breakfast organizers. Elk Point figure skater Daylan Hoffman was off to competition in the Canada Winter Games in New Brunswick.

2008

When the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce couldn't find any nominees for their four executive positions, the only logical alternative was to change the chamber's bylaws, which previously prohibited anyone from serving more than two consecutive terms in the same position on the executive, the change allowing Sandy Smith to remain as president and Vicki Brooker as secretary for another year..



ELK POINT PEEWEE AVALANCHE became Elk Point's first Zone champions in a number of years when they defeated Boyle Blazers 14 to 9 in the two game, total point series.

2013

Mayor Parrish Tung was optimistic after two acute care beds, closed since late November, 2012, due to serious staff shortages, were reopened, even though the remaining 10 acute care beds were still closed. Elk Point Community Choir and Friends were getting all dressed up in eager anticipation of the opening night of their six dinner theatre performances of 'Way Out West...In A Dress.'

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THE FINAL HOME GAME OF THE SEASON saw the Elk Point Elks come up with a 6-5 win in double overtime on Saturday, taking them to the seventh and final game of the SaskAlta League semi finals.

Game 7 loss ends Elks' season

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

After three back-to-back games this weekend, Elk Point Elks ended their bid for a run at the SaskAlta Hockey League championship on Sunday night with a game seven, 3-2 overtime loss to the Hillmond Hitmen, who will take on Wainwright Rustlers in the league finals.

The Elks came back from a hard-fought 5-4 loss in Hillmond on Friday night that gave Hillmond a three-games-to-two advantage in the semi-final round of SaskAlta Hockey League playoffs to tie the series at three with a 6-5 win in double overtime Saturday night at home before a huge crowd that could have cared less about the 2018 Olympics gold medal game half a world away.

The Elks started off at a rapid pace, Myles Whitford scoring unassisted just over two minutes into the game and Ryley Wozniak, assisted by Matthew Boulianne, making it 2-0 two and a half minutes later. Whitford's second of the game, assisted by Lee Letestu and Devin Moneta, and the Elks' fourth goal, by Brent Bacque off assists by Moneta and team captain Jason Kalynchuk, came half a minute apart 10 minutes later to give the Elks a 4-0 lead at the end of the first period.

Hillmond made a serious attempt to play catch up in the second, adding three goals, but Nathan Rosychuk, assisted by Ryley Wozniak, gave the Elks a two goal advantage just over a minute into the third, the Hitmen adding goals at mid period and with just under four minutes to go to tie the score at 5-5 and sending the

game into overtime.

The first overtime period saw goalie Paul Boulianne, who fended off 42 of 47 shots, replaced by Paul Lafreniere early in the period after Boulianne was flattened in a scuffle at the Elks' net. Both Lafreniere and the Hillmond goalie held every shot from the tiring teams at bay for the full 20 minutes, keeping both sets of fans on the edges of their seats and sending the game into a second overtime, where Devin Moneta was finally able to sneak one past the Hillmond netminder four minutes and 14 seconds after the faceoff, assisted by Whitford and Jordyn Wozniak.

Series at a glance

Game 2 - Feb. 14, Elk Point, Hillmond wins 6 - 3

Elks goals: Ryley Wozniak (Devin Moneta, Kam Ballas), John Schmitt (Nathan Rosychuk, Ryley Wozniak), Brent Bacque (Rosychuk, Christian Nypower)

Game 3 - Feb. 16, Hillmond, Elks win 7 - 1

Devin Moneta scored a hat trick in the first period (Ballas, Jordyn Wozniak, Silas Makokis, Myles Whitford, Jason Kalynchuk). Ballas (Rosychuk, Jordyn Wozniak), Ryley Wozniak, (Rosychuk, Nypower), Ryley Wozniak (Myles Quinney, Rosychuk), Scott Ward (Whitford).

Game 4 - Feb. 18, Elk Point, Hillmond wins 8 - 2
Kam Ballas (unassisted), Ballas (Nypower, Ryley Wozniak).

Game 5 - Feb. 23, Hillmond, Hillmond wins 5 - 4
Kam Ballas (Nypower, Bacque), Scott Ward (Ryley Wozniak), Nypower (Bacque, Makokis), Ward (Ballas, Nathan Pundick).



Winter Walk

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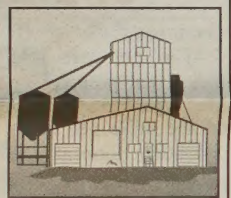
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Midget Avalanche heading to Provincials

At this time of year some parents and kids of the younger groups are ready to pack it in for the season. A few weeks from now when it's still crappy out, the kids are bored and driving them crazy, the parents would be happy to get them out on the ice again. Such was the case this past weekend when a few of our teams played their last games of the season.

One of them was the little grasshoppers, the **Micro Novice Avalanche** team who finished the year on a winning note over the Frog Lake T Birds.

A fantastic job by the coaching staff. These guys have come a long way since October when some of them had to hold on to a chair to skate. They still fall down a lot, but they jump right back up and get going all on their own. William 'Billy Bob' Ballas with a hat trick and three assists, Jesse James Penner with a hat trick and three assists, Ryder 'Rhino' Malo with a hat trick and two assists, 'Major Tom' Melnyk with two goals and three assists, Theo 'Long Horn' Loughran with one goal and five assists, Jaxon 'Magic' Marcoux with two goals and an assist, and four year old Lennox 'All Out' St. Arnault with a goal.

The **Novice Avalanche** are not quite ready to shut down their season yet. They still have some games lined up and a possible playoff tournament. They played right after the Micro Novice on Saturday and had a huge win over Cold Lake 9 to 4. Kale 'the Hawk' Ockerman swooping in for the hat trick, Brendan 'Buzz Saw' Kadutski with two goals and an assist. 'With out a Trace' Morgan sneaking under the radar with two goals, Wyatt 'Earl' Fontaine with one goal and one assist, and first year player Rhyley 'the Road Runner' Kozicky with one goal. Only two assists listed on the game sheet but I know there were more than that for sure. The young referees are doing the best they can and will get better as they gain more experience. In these younger groups when I do the time box I always add an assist if I see it. The Novice also played Sunday



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against St. Paul 2. Everyone played great and they ended up winning 13-0, giving goalie Kale Ockerman a shut out! Too many goals and assists on this game sheet to mention, but I can say these kids worked hard for all of them. They have come a long way from the beginning of the season. The coaching staff are quite proud of them.

Next up on Saturday were the **Atoms** who actually finished playing in their Tier 4 league last weekend, but decided they still wanted one more game before they shut down. They played St Paul in an exhibition game. This St. Paul team was actually playing one tier higher but the Avalanche were not pushovers and the play of the game was still very close, especially with Avalanche goalie 'Good Time Charlie' Lesyk. He saw more rubber than a dead skunk on the middle of Highway 401 going through Toronto at rush hour. The first goal on him was a bit soft, going through the five hole, but after that he was rock solid and faced 68 shots in total. Our guys did a good job, putting 32 shots on the Canadiens' goaltender, which is about normal for a atom game. Smooth skating Charlotte 'Web Mail' Henderson scoring the first one for the Avalanche on a breakaway, assisted by a nice pass from the rugged defense woman 'Goldilocks' Spencer Malachowski. Breaking his chain and on the run again, Evett 'Snoopy' Smereka with the second one, his assisted by hard work in the corner from Raif 'Rug Rat' Evans Anderson. Winding up going coast to coast, 'Cyclone Cole' Pierce getting one all alone, then assisting on one by Braylee 'Little Willy' Lesyk. The final 9 to 4 for St Paul.

The **Peewee 4** team played their last league home game on Saturday against Mannville. The last time they played in Mannville, they had lost to them, but this was a different team playing today for sure. These guys came out to play and wanted it more. Sometimes the desire to win is greater than talent. The Avalanche

dominated for most of the game, out shooting them 37 to 27. The final score: two-all. Big defenseman Dean 'the Machine' Ockerman sending a wrist shot from the point, going through the crowd it found the twine for the first one. Kaleb 'Formula One' Flamand scoring one from the slot, his too was a nice quick snap shot. Assisted by Kaylee Radcliffe, the first year player who has made tremendous strides this year and really has come a long way and battles the boys hard. She holds the line well and keeps the puck in, as she did on this one. Brendon 'Blue Line' Haesch-Baker also with an assist, he is a stay-at-home guy who always comes to the rescue of his buddy, the competitive goaltender who hates to lose 'Kid Kade' Fontaine. Losing is all right as long as you don't like losing, which he doesn't!

The **Midget Avalanche** had their hands full with Marwayne in the final round of provincial round robin. They travelled there on Thursday night losing a close one 5 to 4. Brody 'the Big O' Odgaard led the scoring with two goals, Chad 'Pickpocket' Poitras and team captain 'Awesome Alex' Hunter with one each. Nick 'Sparky' Anderson and Cyle 'Grinder' Graus with assists. In the second game on Sunday night at 5 p.m., Austin 'Astro' Axley scored a pair and 'the Big O', 'Awesome Alex' and 'Pickpocket' one each for the required two goals and the victory, with four assists by 'Awesome Alex', two by Hayden Ludlage, one each by 'the Big O', 'Sparky' and 'Astro', sending them to Rimby for the provincial finals on the weekend of March 22 to 25.

The **Bantam Avalanche** are not only hosting Provincials but have won the Zone 2 banner after defeating Redwater 4 to 3 this past Thursday night. And the Peewee Avalanche Tier 1 team is facing off against Bonnyville in their final round this coming Wednesday night. The winner of that series will also go to the provincial final tournament.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. "A champion is someone who gets up when he can't." - Jack Dempsey

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"I'm not sure that we should have a hat policy," said Brodziak, when speaking to the board on Feb. 14. He explained that a round table had been done at a recent principals' meeting.

Brodziak said if the matter is about respect, then he felt the goal

could be achieved without a specific hat policy in place. He noted that he wasn't sure if it would be worth the conflict if staff members had to confront a student wearing a hat in a school.

"I think there are more important things," said Brodziak, adding, he felt that overall schools also feel it's not a battle that should take place. The superintendent went on

to say that some students may wear hats as a security, while others may wear hats simply because they got out of bed late.

If students are learning and are engaged, then "I don't think a hat matters," said Brodziak. He noted that asking students to take their hats out of respect for a special guest or other events would still be done.

Letestu traded

Mark Letestu, who honed his earliest hockey skills right here at the A. G. Ross Arena with Elk Point Minor Hockey, has been traded by the Edmonton Oilers and is headed back to the Columbus Blue Jackets, where he played for four seasons before coming to the Oilers in 2015. Letestu was first traded to Nashville Predators, who then traded him to Columbus for a fourth round draft pick. 'Marksman', we're gonna miss you.

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REVIEW****FGM seniors play at SPAA, Zones****DENNELL ANDERSON**

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SPAA was held as a one-day bonspiel on Friday, Feb. 9, which wound up being another long day for these young curlers. With games running behind and no breaks in between, some teams wound up playing three or four games back to back.

We loaded the bus and were off to Two Hills at 7:15 a.m. for the first game of the day at 9:00 a.m. The boys' team, consisting of Skip Kaiden Evans-Anderson, third Zane Cribbins, second Carson Vogel and lead Dustin Pinder played against St. Paul. This was a very close game with one point ends, great take outs and perfect draws, but the boys wound up losing by one point. With only two of the three teams able to move on to zones, it was crucial for the boys to win their next game against the hometown team, Two Hills. They put up a good battle but weren't able to outplay this great team, so their fight for zones is over until next year, where I think

they will be coming out hard, making their shots and putting some wins on the board.

Our girls' team, consisting of skip Brooke Krider, third Mackenzie Evans, second Maddison Krider, lead Keanna Radcliffe and lead Tessa Pindroch played their first game at 11:30 a.m. against St. Paul, where they were tied in the eighth end, losing by one point in the ninth. Talk about fabulous shots, they had quite a few in that game! They got off the ice, had a quick snack and were back on the ice to play Two Hills. They had a great game, playing hard and came out with the win. Now they had to go straight back on the ice to play the B final to determine who was winner, and by this time the girls have been curling for five hours (2.5 hrs per game). We had to play St. Paul again. Again it was a great battle between the two teams, with exhaustion setting in, making some great shots but they just weren't able to pull this one off. But that was OK because they were guaranteed to go to zones anyway.

With a couple of days rest the Senior High girls headed off to zones in Lloydminster on Feb. 13 and 14. SPAA was great preparation for them, because they came to zones flying. Winning all three of their round robin games against Bonnyville, Paradise Valley, and Two Hills put them in first place of their pool! A great start to Valentine's Day! Now we are in the semi finals, playing against St. Paul again (for the third time in just as many days). They played hard, made some pretty wicked shots but were not able to defeat them, losing only by a couple of points. We then came up against the Lloydminster team for the bronze medal game. We lost to the hometown team, placing fourth overall. Not to bad for a team that only started last year, most of the teams at this level have been curling since grade six. But look out next year - these girls are hungry for the banner, with all their grit and determination it will not surprise me if they achieve it! Way to go F. G. Miller - we are proud of you.

**FOURTH OVERALL AT ZONES** - Skip Brooke Krider, third Mackenzie Evans, second Maddison Krider, lead Keanna Radcliffe and lead Tessa Pindroch. Good job, ladies!

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